

Remarks

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-10, 21, and 22 are pending in the application, with 1, 21, and 22 being the independent claims. By this Amendment, Applicants seek to amend claims 1, 21, and 22. Claims 3, 8, and 10-20 are sought be cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-10 and 21-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. Sec. 102(b) as being anticipated by either one of Sandstrom (US Patents 6,399,261 and 6,428,940). Applicants traverse this rejection because each of the cited references fails to disclose, teach, or suggest all of the features of the claimed invention.

For example, the cited references fail to disclose, teach, or suggest a method for forming a pattern within an area of a photosensitive surface including performing a second exposure of the photosensitive surface in accordance with adjusted image data, wherein the step of performing a second exposure includes (i) forming a second image within an object plane including seam thickening and (ii) printing the second image within the area, the printing producing the corrected image in an image plane, as recited

in claim 1. Claims 21 and 22 recite similar features. These features are discussed, for example, in Applicants' specification, paragraphs 0046-0048.

If a future Office Action rejects claims 1, 21, and 22, Applicants respectfully request that the Office Action specifically point out in the cited reference(s) a method for forming a pattern within an area of a photosensitive surface including performing a second exposure of the photosensitive surface in accordance with adjusted image data, wherein the step of performing a second exposure includes (i) forming a second image within an object plane including seam thickening and (ii) printing the second image within the area, the printing producing the corrected image in an image plane.

It is respectfully pointed out that anticipation can only be established by a single prior art reference that discloses each and every element of the claimed invention. RCA Corp. v. Applied Digital Data Systems, Inc., 730 F.2d 1440 (Fed. Cir. 1984). Therefore, since each of the cited references fails to recite each and every element of Applicants' invention as recited in claims 1, 21, and 22, claims 1, 21, and 22 are not anticipated by the cited references and are therefore allowable.

Claims 2, 4-7, and 9 depend from claim 1 and are therefore allowable at least for the reasons claim 1 is allowable, and for the specific features recited therein.

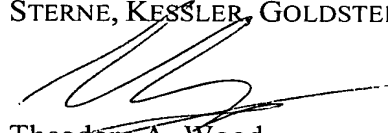
Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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